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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted for entry and consideration. The Action set a 3 month shortened statutory period for response. This reply is timely filed and no petition for an extension of time is required.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

The Examiner is kindly requested to enter and consider the present amendments and remarks even though submitted after final. Applicants believe the claims are now in condition for allowance.